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1. BILL PRYCE AND EMBASSY OFFICERS CALLED ON MHE OFFICIALS
MARCH THIRTEEN TO DISCUSS LECTURER AND OTHER EXCHANGE
PROGRAMS. USUAL POINTS BROUGHT UP BY BOTH SIDES.

2. AMERICANS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY SUBMISSION OF
NAMES OF SOVIET NOMINEES FOR LECTURE PROGRAM IN U.S., AND
POINTED OUT PROBLEMS CAUSED AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES WHICH
MUST FILL POSITIONS AT LAST MINUTE IF SOVIET SIDE DOES NOT
SEND CANDIDATE NOMINATED.

3. WE ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF EARLY RECEIPT
BY U.S. UNIVERSITIES OF SOVIET BIO DATA, TIMELY
SUBMISSION OF SOVIET FIELDS OF INTEREST, AND EARLY
NOTIFICATION TO U.S. PROFESSORS ACCEPTED TO LECTURE
IN SOVIET UNION. SOVIETS TOOK NOTE OF THESE ITEMS.

4. MHE AGAIN BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF HOUSING OF AMERICAN
LECTURERS WITH FAMILIES IN SOVIET UNION, STATING HOUSING
SITUATION IN USSR A PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY OUTSIDE MOSCOW.

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AMERICANS RESPONDED THAT HOUSING OF U.S. LECTURERS IN

GENERAL SATISFACTORY AND HOPEFULLY WOULD IMPROVE "AS SOVIET HOUSING SITUATION IN GENERAL IMPROVES." SOVIETS AGREED, IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC SUGGESTION THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER IF U.S. LECTURERS COME WITHOUT FAMILIES, WE NOTED THAT BEST LECTURERS OFTEN WOULD NOT COME ALONE.

5. SOVIETS MENTIONED DIFFICULTY FINDING SOVIET LECTURERS ABLE CONDUCT COURSES IN ENGLISH(REFTEL).

6. MHE SUGGESTED AND WE AGREED THAT BOGOMOLOV AND US EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DELEGATION BE CHARGED TO UNUSED QUOTAS OF 1972 AGREEMENT. CONSEQUENTLY ONLY HIGH LEVEL UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS DELEGATION WOULD COME UNDER PRESENT QUOTA FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

7. SOVS AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO ACCEPT BOTH UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DELEGATIONS AND PROMISED INFORM EMBASSY MARCH FOURTEEN (OR SEVENTEEN "AT LATEST") WHETHER

EXACT DATES PROPOSED FOR EACH DELEGATION WERE ACCEPTABLE. WE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF ACCEPTING UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS DELEGATION WITHIN PROPOSED TIME FRAME BECUASE OF NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY OF GETTING ALL HIGH LEVEL MEMBERS TOGETHER AT ANY OTHER TIME. WE NOTED THAT IF SOVIETS COULD NOT ACCEPT BOTH DELEGATIONS FOR DATES SUGGESTED, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DELEGATION COULD BE DEFERRED IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

8. MHE WAS NONCOMMITTAL TO REQUEST THAT IT RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL TESTING SPECIALIST FELDMESSER TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FALL SEMINAR IN U.S., SAYING IT WOULD ACT ON REQUEST WHEN IT RECEIVED FORMAL PROPOSAL. FYI: IN VIEW OF MHE BUDGETARY PREOCCUPATIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT FELDMESSER SHOULD BE SENT AS GUEST OF EMBASSY CAO, WITH MHE PROGRAMMING HIM, BUT NOT PAYING FOR HIM. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC CATEGORY FOR HIM IN AGREEMENT AND SOVIETS NOT LIKELY TO DESIRE A RECIPROCAL VISIT.

9. EMBASSY ALSO SUGGESTS THIS FIELD NOT NECESSARILY BE ACCORDED TOP PRIORITY FOR FINAL 1973-76 DELEGATION SLOT, BUT BE CONSIDERED WITH OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR TOPICS. EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AT HIGH-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ER EDUCATION LEVEL, FOR EXAMPLE, IS TOP SOVIET PRIORITY AND AREA IN WHICH FRUITFUL US-USSR LONG-TERM EXCHANGES MIGHT BE DEVELOPED.

OTHER TOPICS MAY COME OUT OF APRIL UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS VISIT, AND MGU ALREADY HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RETURN DELEGATION FOR KHOKLOV VISIT.
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